

**HALF YEARLY EXAM- 2023**

**Class-XI**

**Set-B**

**Subject-English**

**Time: 3.00 Hours**

**MM:80**

**Instructions: -**

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated in front of each question.

**Section-A (Reading)**

**Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage.**

Shyam Prashad Rajasekaran, a young entrepreneur (who is the founder of Veg route) says that his thought behind the formation of Veg route is to encourage farmers and help them get economical prices for their produce. Veg route is an app which helps farmers to connect directly with customers without any mediators. This helps farmers to get the right price for their crop and this also helps customers. In addition to this Customer always demand for the fresh and best quality products which is also satisfied with the help of this app. And Shyam Prasad came up with this idea as he could see the difficulty faced by the farmers in his own family, as his grandparents were also farmers. In 2020, during covid pandemic Shyam observed how farmers are getting affected due to pandemic and he started to work upon it and learnt more about their problems. As a part of that, he went to Coimbatore and met a few farmers. Firstly, he discussed problems faced with these farmers and decided to create an impact on agricultural technology. So, he started Veg route in July 2020 with his friend Anand Alagarsamy. Secondly, he started the company with 23 customers and now it has developed over 1500 farmers who have become a part of Veg route. Including Coimbatore, Veg route now is functioning in 6 more districts. They are Chennai, Madurai, Tirupur, Tuticorin, Bengaluru, and Goa. It is soon planning to get launched in Kanyakumari, Mumbai, Nashik, Hyderabad, Virudhunagar, and Delhi (NCR). Veg Route is an app in which agro products are taken from a direct farm place, given to the customer with the fresh produce, and immediate cash provided to farmers. The main concept behind founding Veg route is to eradicate the middleman concept in the supply process. This company goes directly to the farm, checks the quality and delivers them freshly to the customers. Perhaps the Veg route has been a good source of employment and created employment opportunities for many unemployed individuals. Finally last month, this startup raised over \$125,000 from a fintech startup company

**Questions:**

**1×10=10**

**I. Who is the founder of Veg route?**

- a) Anand Alagarsamy
- ☒ b) Shyam Prashad Rajasekaran
- c) Shyam Prasad's grandparents
- d) Anand Alagarsamy and Shyam Prashad Rajasekaran

**II. What is the main concept behind founding Veg route?**

- a) to increase the role of middlemen in the supply process
- b) to check the quality of products in a warehouse
- c) to eradicate the middleman concept in the supply process
- ☒ d) to deliver products to customers after a long storage period

III. Why did Shyam Prasad go to Coimbatore?

(a) to see the city (b) to meet his friends (c) to meet farmers (d) to visit farms

IV. What do you understand about start-ups?

(a) a company in initial stage (b) a fully grown company

(c) a bunch of companies (d) none of these

V. Which of these has the same meaning of the word 'entrepreneur'?

(a) agent (b) clerk (c) a business person (d) company person

VI. The passage is about -

(a) an app Veg route (b) Shyam Prasad (c) a start-up (d) all of these

VIII. How does Veg route differentiate itself in the supply process?

(a) By storing products for a long period

(b) By involving multiple intermediaries

(c) By delivering directly from the farm to the customer

(d) By relying on traditional market channels

IX. Which of the following is opposite of 'fresh'?

(a) old (b) common (c) new (d) stale

X. Which of the following statements is NOT true in the context of the passage?

(a) Shyam Prasad Rajasekaran founded Veg route with Anand Alagarsamy.

(b) Veg route started with 50 customers in 2020.

(c) Veg route currently operates in eight districts.

(d) The main concept of Veg route is to involve multiple intermediaries in the supply process.

**Q.2 Read the following passage and make notes on the basis of your comprehension of the passage.**

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**Give a suitable title.**

To live in harmony with oneself and the environment is the wish of every human. However, in modern times greater physical and emotional demands are constantly placed upon many areas of life. More and more people suffer from physical and mental tension such as stress, anxiety, insomnia, and there is an imbalance in physical activity and proper exercise. This is why methods and techniques for the attainment and improvement of health, as well as physical, mental and spiritual harmony, are of great importance, and Yoga meets this requirement. The word "Yoga" originates from Sanskrit and means "to join, to unite". Yoga exercises have a holistic effect and bring body, mind, consciousness and soul into a balance. In this way Yoga assists us in coping with everyday demands, problems and worries. The exercise levels have been worked out in consultation with doctors and physiotherapists and can therefore — with observation of the stated rules and precautions—be practiced independently at home by anyone. "Yoga in Daily Life" is a holistic system, which means it takes into consideration not only the physical, but also the mental and spiritual aspects. Positive thinking, perseverance, discipline, orientation towards the Supreme, prayer as well as kindness and understanding form the way to Self-Knowledge and Self-Realisation.

### **Section B Writing**

Q.3 You are the school captain of the Govt. Boys H.S.S. Jabalpur. Write a notice for all the other members of the student council to attend a meeting to prepare a plan for annual function.

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**or**

You are Mohan, student of Govt. H.S.S. Ashta. Your school is going to organize a blood donation camp. Design an attractive poster to make people aware about blood donation.

Q.4 Write a letter to the Collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area.

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**Or**

You are Manish, residing at 45, M.P. Nagar, Ujjain. Write a letter to your younger brother sharing your experiences of your visit to a hill station.

**Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 120 words. 4**

- I. Women Empowerment
- II. My Vision of Future India
- III. Freedom of Press in Democracy

**Or**

Your school organised an inter-school debate competition last month. Write a report of this event for your school magazine giving details like schedule, venue, topic, winners etc.

### **Section- C (Grammar)**

**Q.6 Fill in the blanks- (Any five)**

**1×5=5**

- (i) She has---- unique opportunity to visit the space research centre in Shriharikota. (a/an/the)
- (ii) This is the man --- name is written on the board. (who/whose/whom)
- (iii) I have -- spare book. (no/any/some)
- (iv) The --- class was busy with the project. (all/whole/some)
- (v) The school library has -- books on Psychology. (few/little/much)
- (vi) She was born and brought up -- Ambala. (at/in/on)

**Q.7 Do as directed- (Any five)**

**1×5=5**

- (i) Mohan is too weak to lift this bag. (Rewrite using 'so - that')
- (ii) The man has not come for two days. The man brings milk. (Combine the sentences using a relative clause)
- (iii) If Rajesh does not act now, he will lose everything. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless')
- (iv) As soon as he closed his eyes, the telephone rang. (Use 'no sooner ---than' in place of 'as soon as')
- (v) Tea is made by him. (Change the voice) <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (vi) The boy said, "Kavita is writing a letter." (Change the narration)

### **Section-D (Textbook)**

**Q.8 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.**

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IN July 1976, my wife Mary, son Jonathan, 6, daughter Suzanne, 7, and I set sail from Plymouth, England, to duplicate the round-the-world voyage made 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook. For the longest time, Mary and I — a 37-year-old businessman — had dreamt of sailing in the wake of the famous explorer, and for the past 16 years, we had spent all our leisure time honing our seafaring skills in British waters. Our boat Wavewalker, a 23 meter, 30-ton wooden-hulled beauty, had been professionally built, and we had spent months fitting it out and testing it in the roughest weather we could find. The first leg of our planned three-year, 105,000 kilometre journey passed pleasantly as we sailed down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town.

**Questions:**

- (i) What was the occupation of the writer?  
(a) He was a businessman. (b) He was a sailor. (c) He was a doctor. (d) He was a Navy officer.
- (ii) What does 'seafaring' mean?  
(a) swimming in a sea (b) trading by sea  
(c) regular travelling by sea (d) living near sea
- (iii) What was the name of their boat?  
(a) Titanic (b) Voyager (c) Wave walker (d) Avenger
- (iv) Which of these is similar in meaning to leisure?  
(a) limited time (b) free time (c) labour (d) difficulty

(v) Give verb form of the word 'explorer'.

**Q.9(A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below-**

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Till the gold finch come, with a twitching chirrup.

A suddenness, a startlement, at a branch end.

Then sleep as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,

She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up

of chitterings, and a tremor of wings, trilling.

The whole tree trembles and thrills.

It is the engine of her family.

She stokes it full, then flirts out to a branch end.

Showing her barred face identity mask.

**Questions:**

(i) What is described as 'sleek' in the poem?

(a) goldfinch (b) lizard

(c) spider (d) laburnum tree

(ii) Who comes to feed the young ones?

(a) a lizard (b) goldfinch

(c) a cuckoo (d) a sparrow

(iii) Who gives shelter to the bird and her young ones?

(a) an old building (b) a peepul tree

(c) an oak tree (d) laburnum tree

**Q.9(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below – 4**

My mother seemed to notice that I was not entirely convinced. She looked at me reprovingly and after that we spoke no more about it. Meanwhile I had arrived at the station without having paid much attention to things on the way. I was walking in familiar places again for the first time since the War, but I did not want to go further than was necessary. I didn't want to upset myself with the sight of streets and houses full of memories from a precious time.

In the train back I saw Mrs Dorling in front of me again as I had the first time, I met her. It was the morning after the day my mother had told me about her. I had got up late and, coming downstairs, I saw my mother about to see someone out.

**Questions:**

(i) From which lesson has this text been taken?

(a) The Address

(b) Ranga's Marriage

(c) Mother's Day

(d) The Tale of Melon City

(ii) Who has told the author about Mrs. Dorling?

(a) the woman

(b) the girl

(c) her mother

(d) her daughter

(iii) Which of the following is similar in meaning to the word 'precious'?

(a) cheap

(b) valuable

(c) worthless

(d) moderate

iv) The author did not want to get upset by-----

(a) her mother

(b) Mrs Dorling

(c) memories

(d) familiar places

**Q.10 Answer the following questions from Hornbill in about 30 words- (any five) 10**

(i) What did grandmother used to feed village dogs and why?

(ii) What injuries did the father suffer in the accident?

(iii) What is the Cemetery of Tut called? What was found with Tutankhamun's body?

(iv) What does the notice "The world's most dangerous animals" at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia, signify?

(v) What is the Green Movement? Why has it become popular all over the world? (The Ailing Planet)

(vi) What was the strange reality that Professor Gaitonde saw as he stepped out of the station?

**Q.11 Answer the following questions from poetry in about 30 words- (any three) 6**

(i) What does the cardboard refer to in the poem? (The Photograph)

(ii) How is the tree transformed during the bird's visit? (The Laburnum Top)

(iii) What happens when the rain falls on the seeds? (The Voice of Rain)

(iv) What according to the poem is involved in the process of growing up? (Childhood)

**Q.12 Answer the following questions from Snapshots in about 30 words- (any two) 4**

(i) What happened when Aram tried to ride the horse?

(ii) How did Mrs. Dorling treat the author when the author visited her?

(iii) What was Mrs. Pearson's reaction to Mrs. Fitzgerald's advice?

(iv) When and why did Shahid mention his death to the writer?

**Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words- (any 2) 6**

(i) Describe the author's grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) Under the adverse conditions, children had exhibited exemplary courage. Please elaborate the statement (We are not afraid to die)

(iii) Write a short note on King Tut. (Discovering Tut)

**Q.14 What are the three phases described in the poem 'A Photograph'? (75 words) 3**

Or

Write the central idea of the poem 'The Voice of the Rain'.

**Q.15 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Give your views on it. (75 words) 3**

Or

The story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' begins in a mood of nostalgia. Can you narrate some incident from your childhood that might make an interesting story?

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